



BREMERTON POLICE DEPARTMENT



Chief Strachan's Weekly Update

Last year, we changed our pursuit policy to engage in pursuits only for violent felonies. This can be frustrating, but we often are able to arrest and charge the suspects later. This past week was a good example. Officers had been looking for a Thomas Vanburen, who had an arrest warrant for violating a no-contact order. Saturday night, Officer Steven Forbragd had stopped a car on Lower Wheaton Way when he saw the suspect's car pass by him with Van Buren as a passenger and his brother Tyrone driving. Officer Forbragd cleared his traffic stop and went after the Vanburens. They stopped on Schley Blvd., and the officer held them at gun point as they were both reaching around under the seat. They then suddenly accelerated off and were last seen northbound on Wheaton Way at an estimated 80 mph. In accordance with our policy, Officer Forbragd did not pursue the suspects. Sunday night, Officer Michelle Griesheimer located the car parked, and found Thomas sleeping in it. He was taken into custody and went to jail. On Monday, Tyrone decided to come into our building at the front desk, demanding to see Officer Forbragd. Steven listened patiently to Tyrone's claim he was not driving last Saturday, and then placed Tyrone into custody for the pursuit. Now they are both in jail. Steven also mentioned as he came around the corner after ending the pursuit on Sunday, he saw a jogger crossing the street. It doesn't always work out this well, but we always need to balance the danger to the public with the necessity to pursue. Great job by everyone involved in this case!

We have been having a rash of "falling asleep at the drive thru because I am so drunk" calls. One last week; two more this week. Officer Griesheimer responded to a fast food restaurant in East Bremerton when a man was reported sleeping in the drive-thru. The manager said he had been there about 15 minutes, and could not be stirred by another motorist. Prior to Officer Greisheimer's arrival, the man awoke and ordered his food. Officer Griesheimer located the man who admitted to drinking "several" beers. State Patrol assisted and he was arrested for DUI.

Sunday afternoon is always a good time to do donuts on the field at the local school. Corporal Duke Roessel was dispatched to Mountain View Middle School for a man driving his BMW on the school field. He had been doing "donuts" out on the wet field and ended up getting stuck in the mud. The 18 year old driver asked us to call his mother. She was not happy.

We could make the perfunctory St. Patrick's Day quip here, but it's just too easy. However, we did have an awful lot of DUI arrests this week. On Monday, Officers stopped two suspected drunk drivers, one of whom was pulled over for erratic driving on Naval Avenue. When asked for his license, the driver began mumbling something about Jesus. He later clarified that he was just praying that the officer would not tow his mother's vehicle. He also had an arrest warrant for a prior DUI, a suspended license and was required to have an interlock in the vehicle, which he

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did not have. The suspect told the officer that he was "willing to work something out" - we were all curious what that might be - but instead he was taken into custody for a myriad of charges and booked into the jail.

Also this week Officer Frank Shaw came upon a fight in a bar parking lot with one of the participants knocked unconscious. The man awoke to say "did I get hit by a car?" The victim and his friend both said, apparently truthfully, that they were "play slapping" each other in the face. One was struck and fell down, hitting his head on the pavement. He was taken to the hospital.

This month's Fuzz Fund donation went to the Kid's Camp for Seaside Church here in Bremerton. Pastor Rob Steinbach, who is also a new Chaplain for BPD, is pictured below with Officer Chris Faidley and I.



Below is also a photo of Officers Tim Garrity and Jordan Ejde on bike patrol at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, along with revelers Justice Hampton, Kathleen Brown (the leprechaun) and Brandon Riley. Everyone seems very pleased with their beards.

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Finally, March 25 was the last day with Bremerton P.D. for Lt. Pete Fisher, who starts as Fife P.D.'s new Chief this week. I asked Lt. Olan to express pictorially how he feels about taking over many of Pete's responsibilities, as well as Pete leaving us. Here it is:



Congratulations Pete you will be missed!

Work Hard - Have Fun - Stay Safe

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